

**NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY**

**March 23, 2018**

**Nevada Legislature  
401 South Carson St.  
Room 2135  
Carson City, Nevada**

**Grant Sawyer Building  
555 East Washington  
Room 4412  
Las Vegas Nevada**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**In Las Vegas:**

Nora Luna  
Sheila Moulton  
David Gardner  
Stavan Corbett  
Jeff Hinton

**In Carson City:**

Jason Guinasso

**Teleconference:**

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Melissa Mackedon

**AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT:**

**In Las Vegas:**

Brian Scroggins, Deputy Director  
Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing

**In Carson City:**

Jennifer Bauer, Director of Finance and Operations  
Danny Peltier, Management Analyst I  
Patrick Gavin, Executive Director

**LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:**

**In Carson City**

Ryan Herrick, General Counsel, State Public Charter School Authority

Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General

**In Las Vegas**

Robert Whitney

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:**

**In Las Vegas:**

John Hawk

Pat Hickey

Michael Muehle

R. Gourrier

Ben Gerhardt

Tambre Tondryk

Richard Holey

Ryan Reeves

**In Carson City:**

Delane Pennington

Charles Jennings

Evie Boutte

Jamila Sontiago

Melanie Sisson

Anthony Bettencourt

Sara Pedroza

Gabriella Ward

Mary Frayo

Angela Miller

Mark Kneebauer

Christina Wilson

Jimmy Moten

Nelda Moten

Sunny Moten

Tara Wilson

Andi Morency

Carla Ferrigno

Carrie Fihurat

Debra Ward

Gabriella Ward

Taylor Hall

Aisynn Mcilvaine

Charles Jennings

Delane Pennington  
Eddie Ablesert  
Jeanette Maxwell-Santiago  
Will Truce  
Christina Saenz  
**CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment**

Delane Pennington spoke regarding Argent Preparatory Academy. Evie Boutte is opposed to closing Argent Preparatory Academy. Charles Jennings spoke in favor of Argent Preparatory Academy. Jamila Sontiago spoke about how well she is doing in Argent Preparatory. Melanie Sisson spoke in support of Argent Preparatory. Anthony Bettencourt spoke in favor of the teachers at Argent Preparatory. Sara Pedroza would like to see Argent Preparatory open. Gabriella Ward spoke in favor of Argent Preparatory. Mary Frayo spoke on how much she likes Argent Preparatory. Mark Kneebauer spoke in favor of Argent Preparatory. Christina Wilson spoke in favor of Argent Preparatory. Angela Miller spoke in favor of Argent Preparatory. Jimmy Armoten spoke in favor of Argent Preparatory. Sunny Moten spoke in favor of Argent Preparatory. Tara Wilson spoke in favor of Argent Preparatory. Christina Saenz. Andrew Oliveraz spoke in favor of Argent Preparatory. Andrea Welsh spoke in behalf of Argent Preparatory. Jeanette Maxwell-Santiago spoke in favor of Argent Preparatory. Gabriella Ward spoke about how much she likes Argent Preparatory. Will Truce spoke in behalf of Argent Preparatory. Carla Ferrigno spoke in favor of Argent Preparatory.

**Agenda Item 3 – Approval of the February 16, 2018 Action Minutes. The Authority will review and possibly approve the meeting minutes from the February 16, 2018 Board Meeting**

**Member Moulton moved to approve the February 16, 2018 action minutes. Member Gardner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item 4 – Focus on Schools: Honors Academy of Literature. The State Public Charter School Authority will highlight one high-performing State Public Charter School Authority sponsored public charter school.**

Director Modrcin gave information about best practices and talked about the ratings of this charter school. Andi Morency gave a presentation on the groundwork to become a successful school.

**Agenda Item 5 – Argent Preparatory Academy. Joshua Kern, Receiver for Argent Preparatory Academy, will present his report to the Board discussing possible closure of Argent at the end of the current (2017-2018) school year**

Joshua Kern gave a report on the reasons why he is recommending possible closure of the school.

**Member Luna made a motion to accept recommendation of the receiver to close the school in the 2017-2018 school year. Member Moulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item 6 – SPCSA Staff Report.** Staff will provide an update regarding the following:

- Winter Cycle applicant survey results;
- Summer Cycle charter application update.

Director Modrcin gave a presentation on the winter and summer cycle.

**Agenda Item 7 – Organizational Structure of the State Public Charter School Authority.** Jennifer Bauer, Director of Finance and Operations, will provide a brief overview of the organizations structure of the State Public Charter School Authority

Director of Finance and Operations Jennifer Bauer discussed the structure of State Public Charter School Authority. Director Modrcin spoke about his staff in the South as well as Deputy Director Scroggins gave information on staff.

**Agenda Item 8 – Long-Range Board Calendar. The Board will review and discuss its Long-Range Calendar**

Counsel Herrick spoke about the long-range calendar, possible rescheduling May and June board meeting. Chair Guinasso stated that if anyone has any changes or can't make a board meeting to let the board know so there is always a quorum.

**Agenda Item 9 – Public Comment**

John Hawk gave information about him being gave an amendment to review in the near future. CSAN officer for the school's leader council. He would like this posted on the website so there is reliable contact information. Pat Hickey talks about expanding high quality schools, CSAN will be in support of schools who in need in support.

**Agenda Item 10– Adjournment at 12:08 pm**